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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 21 and 41.

Identification of prior art discussed: United Kingdom GB 2231502; U.S. Patent Pub. US 2001/0008125; U.S. Patent 6,899,059.

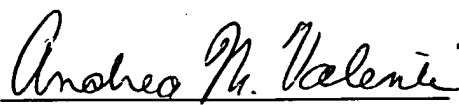
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed an amendment to claim 1 that incorporated more explicitly the structural feature of the flared opening to overcome the GB 2231502 reference. Examiner agreed that GB 2231502 does not appear to meet the flared limitations of the proposed amendment. However, the examiner expressed a concern that U.S. Patent 6,899,059 that has a threaded opening might be substituted with a flared connection as a possible 103(a). Examiner encouraged applicant to structurally claim the structural features of Fig. 1A. That both toy members have a flared opening and an un-flared opening and that when interlocked both toys are able to discharge edible substances out of an opening and that the flared opening gets inserted into an un-flared opening. This should help to distinguish over the claim language from reading on merely the joining of two half sphere members. The examiner indicated that there is a dog toy called KONG, but the examiner would have to update the search to see if the KONG toy has a flared opening..